

State of Iowa Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

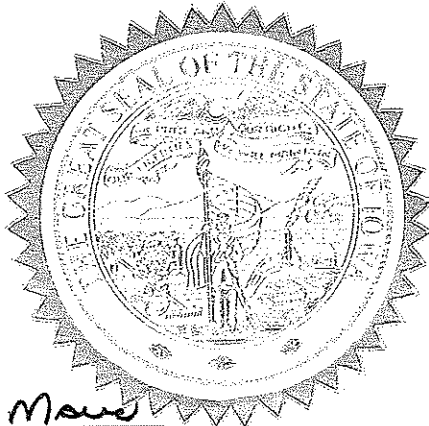
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** THE AMERICORPS NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM HAS PROVEN TO BE A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE WAY TO ENGAGE AMERICANS OF ALL AGES AND BACKGROUNDS IN MEETING A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY NEEDS AND PROMOTE THE ETHIC OF SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERING SINCE ITS CREATION IN 1994; AND
- WHEREAS,** EACH YEAR AMERICORPS, INCLUDING AMERICORPS VISTA AND AMERICORPS NCCC, PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR 75,000 CITIZENS ACROSS THE NATION, INCLUDING APPROXIMATELY 822 IN IOWA, TO GIVE BACK IN AN INTENSIVE WAY TO OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR STATE, AND OUR COUNTRY; AND
- WHEREAS,** AMERICORPS WAS DESIGNED TO GIVE A KEY ROLE TO STATES IN DECIDING WHERE RESOURCES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MEET STATE AND LOCAL NEEDS THROUGH THE WORK OF GOVERNOR-APPOINTED STATE SERVICE COMMISSIONS, INCLUDING THE IOWA COMMISSION ON VOLUNTEER SERVICE; AND
- WHEREAS,** AMERICORPS HAS STRENGTHENED AMERICA'S INDEPENDENT SECTOR BY INVESTING MORE THAN \$5 BILLION DOLLARS TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF NONPROFIT, COMMUNITY, EDUCATIONAL, AND FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY GROUPS NATIONWIDE; AND THOSE GRANTS HAVE LEVERAGED HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND IN-KIND DONATIONS FROM OTHERS SOURCES; AND
- WHEREAS,** MORE THAN 540,000 MEN AND WOMEN ACROSS THE NATION, INCLUDING 4,570 FROM IOWA, HAVE TAKEN THE AMERICORPS PLEDGE TO "GET THINGS DONE FOR AMERICA" BY BECOMING AMERICORPS MEMBERS SINCE 1994; AND
- WHEREAS,** THOSE AMERICORPS MEMBERS HAVE SERVED A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 705 MILLION HOURS NATIONWIDE, INCLUDING 5,916,845 HOURS SERVED BY RESIDENTS FROM IOWA, HELPING TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR STATE'S MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS, STRENGTHEN OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM; PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT, AND CONTRIBUTE TO OUR PUBLIC SAFETY, AND;
- WHEREAS,** AMERICORPS MEMBERS NATIONWIDE, IN RETURN FOR THEIR SERVICE, HAVE EARNED MORE THAN \$1.4 BILLION IN SEGAL AMERICORPS EDUCATION AWARDS TO USE TO FURTHER THEIR OWN EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT AT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES—including MORE THAN \$13,593,944 THAT HAS BEEN AWARDED TO RESIDENTS OF IOWA; AND
- WHEREAS,** AMERICORPS WEEK (MAY 11-18, 2008) IS AN OPPORTUNE TIME FOR THE PEOPLE OF IOWA TO SALUTE AMERICORPS MEMBERS AND ALUMS FOR THEIR POWERFUL IMPACT; THANK ALL OF AMERICORPS' COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN IOWA WHO MAKE THE PROGRAM POSSIBLE; AND BRING MORE AMERICANS INTO SERVICE:

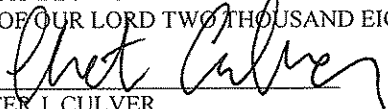
NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 11 -18, 2008, AS

AMERICORPS WEEK

IN IOWA, AND URGE CITIZENS TO THANK AMERICORPS MEMBERS AND ALUMNI FOR THEIR SERVICE AND TO FIND WAYS TO GIVE BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITIES.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 7th DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND EIGHT.


CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE